

Word For The Week

14 February 2020

Preaching Dates

Saturday & Sunday 15-16 February 2020

Glen Cartwright (am + pm) leading team devotions and teaching at the East Renfrewshire SU Schools Weekend at Gowanbank, Darvel

Sunday 16 February 2020

Gordon Dickey (am) at Galashiels Baptist Church

John Mark Donaldson (am) at Fraserburgh Baptist Church

Willie Henry (am) at Kings Park Baptist Church

Mark Laing (am) at Cumbernauld Baptist Church

Dawn Martindale (am) at Rosyth Baptist Church

Jim O'Hara (am) at Crieff Baptist Church

Jonathan Groves (pm) at Fraserburgh Baptist Church preaching with Kerusso Trust presentation

Aubrey Jamieson (pm) at Fishermen's Mission Nightcap Service, Cunningsburgh United Free Church, Shetland

Stephen Ilett (am + pm) at Alness Baptist Church

George Thomson (am + pm) at Larkhall Baptist Church



“Greater love has no one than this”

By Paul Algeo

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13

Today, many people around the world will have bought flowers, chocolates and cards that say ‘To my Valentine’ as an expression of their love to each other. I’m sure most of you did too.

There are various stories about St. Valentine which go as far back as the third century. Some say that he was a priest in Rome who was killed by Emperor Claudius II for defying his decree, which did not permit young men to be married, as the Emperor thought them to be better soldiers. Personally, I prefer the one that tells of Valentine being killed for helping persecuted Christians escape from Roman prisons.

While I can’t confirm the accuracy of these stories, the Word of God is clear when it says;

“But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us” Romans 5:8

This verse blows my mind every time. It’s easier to ‘love’ someone when they are kind and gentle towards you, and accepting of you. I say ‘easier’ because, let’s be honest we are inherently selfish, and would much rather others love us!

Thankfully, Christ’s love is not like ours - It’s not self-centered. Christ’s love was not dependent on our thoughts or feelings towards Him. His love was based on who He is, and how He sees us.

How does He see us? He sees us as His friends! We are dearly loved and treasured by the eternal and living God! So, let us be thankful for those in our lives who love us and encourage us, as we journey through life together. But, above all else, let us give thanks to God for showing His love for us by sending His Son that we might believe in him and love Him in return.

Friends, this is the greatest expression of love that has ever been shown. Let’s meditate upon, and give thanks to God for all that He has given us, through His sacrificed and slain Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

**How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
(Stuart Townend)**